ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH

PRAIRIE CHURCH, GREENE COUNTY, ALABAMA,

October 11th, 12th, 13th, 1890.

Elder S. Hildreth, Moderator.
Elder H. B. Chappelle, Clerk.

The next session will be held with Bethel church, Tuskaloosa County, Alabama, commencing on Tuesday before the 2nd Sabbath in October, 1891.

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MINUTES.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Session of the UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION was held with the Prairie Baptist Church, Greene county, Ala., commencing Saturday, Oct. 11, 1890. At 10 o'clock a. m. the Moderator, Elder S. Hildreth, called the body to order, and the session was opened with prayer. Brethren W. G. Robertson and H. G. Mitchell were requested to read the letters from the churches, and the names of delegates were enrolled, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Bethlehem—A V Gibson, Wm. Driver,* V C Clemons.* Liberty—J O Abrams, W W Collins, J N Easterwood.* Mt. Pleasant—W B Hicks, T O Daniel, J D Hollman.* Fellowship—G Kerr, Jr., E Comerford,* Benj. Pierson. Corinth—J W Mitchel, A M Mills. Flat Woods—B F Plowman,* J B Moss,* John Jordan.* Spring Hill, Lamar county—J S Wooten, J T Blalock,* A J Richardson.* Millport—A P Bobbit,* W C Williams,* J F Pearson.* Kennedy—Wm. McCullough, W T Walker, E Howell.* New Salem—J A Estes, J H Stokes, W A Estes.*

SECOND DISTRICT.

McBee Creek—D Holcomb,* J Simpson.* Arbor Spring—A C Richardson, J O Abrams, N K Carpenter. Mineral Spring—J W Cox, Alonzo Guyton, L C Abrams.* Oak Ridge—Not represented. Spring Hill, Pickens—H L Lofton, R J Lee, J H Stinson.* Hebron—J F Fason, H Ferguson,* George Morgan.* Big Creek—H B Chappelle, Sr., J H Jordan, J N Mullins.* Cross Roads—W D Allen,* Wm Leonard,* A P Butler.*

THIRD DISTRICT.

Pickensville—S Hildreth, E P Ezell, J J Ball.* Carrollton—W G Robertson, E J Daffin, M B Curry.* Ebenezer—B F Noland, J J Noland,* J A McDaniel.* Unity—W P Peden, J E Corder,* J W Hanson.* Enon—R W Richey,* C D Atteberry,* T H Sanders, Jr.* Mt. Zion—Not represented. Prairie—T W Gay, W C Mayes, M B Taylor.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Forest—I Teer, J W Upchurch,* W H Teer.* Shiloh—C C Garner,* W E Norris,* Chalcedony—H N Burroughs, J R Strickland,* T J Johnson. *Nazareth—Not represented. Beulah—J T Smith, S S Thornton,* J C Chambers.* Bethel—G A Stewart, W J Harden, Wm. Barton. New Hope—G P Leavell, J G Thomas, J P Barnett.* Zion—J H Pate, T M Pate,* N Pate.* Grant's Creek—H G Mitchell, J O Burton,* H C Maharry.*

The Association was organized by the re-election of Elder S. Hildreth, Moderator, and H. B. Chappelle, Clerk.

On motion, adopted same Order of Business as last session.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. E. White of South Bethel Association, Alabama—the appointee, Eld. M. G. Lofton, having been excused at his request. Adjourned till 1:30 p. m. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elders J. A. Estes and J. L. Ray.

2. Received no correspondence from the Tuskaloosa, Columbus or Bigbee Associations.

3. Invited visiting brethren from other bodies—State Mission Board, Eld. J. G. Apsey. Ministerial Education—C. W. Hare and W.

G. Robertson. South Bethel Association. Elder J. E. White. Alabama Central Female College, S. B. Foster. Alabama Baptist. C. W. Hare.

4. Returned correspondence—Pending which, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That any member of this body be authorized to represent us by bearing a copy of our Minutes. To the Tuscaloosa Association—To convene with the Schultz Creek church Tuesday before the 2nd Sabbath in Sept., 1891. To the Columbus—To convene with the ——— church on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in Sept., 1891. To the Bigbee—To convene with the ——— church ———.

5. Report of Bible and Colportage Work read and adopted:

We have a special Board located at Opelika, Ala., which has charge of this branch of our denominational work. Bibles, religious books and Sunday School literature are kept on hand for sale, and gratuitous distribution to those unable to porcure them, so far as their limited means will justify. We heartily and earnestly recommend liberal contributions for this work.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Chm.

On motion, suspended Order of Business, and read report of Executive Committee, adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

There has been no application made by any of the churches to this committee for assistance during this year. We decided to employ an evangelist for three months preceding the Association and offered the position to brother William Ashcraft, but he declined the work and we had not time to employ another. We have collected very little mission money, and regret the laxity of the churches in the matter. U. E. ALLEN, President.

M. B. CURRY, Secretary and Treasurer.

Resumed Order of Business.

6. Called for Circular Letter. No report.

7. Report of District Meetings:

FIRST DISTRICT—The next session to be held with Liberty church, Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1891. The Introductory Sermon by Elder J. S. Wooten; alternate, Elder J. A. Estes. Missionary Sermon by Elder J. W. Dunaway; alternate, Elder D. O. Baird. *Queries:* 1. Do Baptists teach their distinctive doctrines as faithfully as they should? 2. Do we as Baptists, teach faithfully the discipline of God's Word? 3. What did Christ mean when He said "there shall no sign be given, but the sign of Jonas the prophet? 4. Is not the prophecy being now fulfilled, "when men will not stand sound doctrine?"

SECOND DISTRICT.—The next meeting will convene with the Big Creek church Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1891. The Introductory Sermon by Elder J. P. Lee; alternate, H. B. Chappelle. Missionary Sermon by Elder M. G. Lofton; alternate, J. A. Estes. *Queries*: 1. Is it possible for a church to prosper and demonstrate the truth of the proposition that she is the light of the world and the salt of the earth without the enforcement of strict discipline according to the letter and spirit of the law laid down in the New Testament? 2. What are the duties of Deacons respecting the support of the Pastors? 3. What is the responsibility of each christian respecting the matter of the

world being converted to Christ? 4. What relation does the Sabbath School sustain to the church? 5. What did the Savior mean when He said, "among those born of women there is none greater than John the Baptist, but he that is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he? *Essays*: 1. Family prayer by brother U. E. Allen. 2. Temperance, H. B. Chappelle.

THIRD DISTRICT.—The next session will be held with the Unity church Saturday before 2nd Sabbath in July, 1891, at 9 a. m. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. G. Thornton; alternate, Elder S. Hildreth. Missionary Sermon by Elder C. Johnson; alternate, Elder M. G. Lofton. *Queries:* 1. What is the spiritual condition of the church at the present day? Opened by Deacon W. C. Mayes. 2. Should we encourage an educated Ministry? Opened by Deacon W. G. Robertson. 3. Is the giving for Missions a means of grace? Opened by Eld. S. Hildreth. 4. Is it right for church members to give entertainments to raise money for church purposes? Opened by James Noland. 5. What are the duties of church members to each other? Opened by M. B. Curry. *Essays:* 1. Importance of prayer-meetings, H. B. Chappelle, Jr. 2. Brotherly Love, D. C. Hodo. 3. Religious Literature, C. Upchurch. 4. Woman's Christian Work, Mrs. M. J. Peden.

FOURTH DISTRICT.—The next Annual Session will be held with Forest church, Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1891. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. L. Ray; alternate, J. D. Hamner. Missionary Sermon by Elder J. G. Apsey; alternate, J. G. Thornton. *Queries:* 1. What is conversion? Opened by brethren I. Teer, J. W. Robertson. 2. Is it right to hold entertainments, commonly called church festivals or church fairs, etc., to raise money for church purposes? Opened by brethren H. C. Maharry, J. W. Park. *Essays:* 1. Is it right to grant letters of dismission for any other purpose than change of location? R. H. Foster. 2. The importance of strict discipline in the churches? G. W. Edwards. 3. Does it pay to be a christian? J. P. Barnett.

8. There being no report on Education, brother S. B. Foster was requested to report on Education, first item after devotional exercises to-morrow.

9. Appointed following committees:

On Religious Exercises—C Upchurch, W McCollough, Pastor and Deacons of Prairie church.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers—W G Robertson, Benjamin Pearson, L C Abrams.

On Publications—J P Parks, M B Curry, A M Mills.

On Nominations—I Teer, E P Ezell, J F Fason.

On Apportionment of the Churches—J W Cox, A C Richardson, W G Robertson, H G Mitchel.

On Documents—C Johnson, W T Walker, R J Lee.

On Deceased Deacons—W P Peden, W W Collins, B F Noland.

On Finance—J T Smith, Robt. Hamilton.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Bible and Colportage Work—D C Hodo, W G Roberton.

On Sabbath Schools—R H Foster, J W Mitchel.
On Temperance—W G Robertson, D O Baird.
On Education—A P Smith, R D Lucius.
On Missions—D C Hodo, J L Ray.
Church Building—W C Mayes, M B Taylor.
Order of Business—H B Chappelle, Sr., J H Stinson.

10. Report of committee on Religious Exercises adopted:

Deacon W. G. Robertson conduct the prayer-meeting to-morrow 9 a. m. At 11 o'clock a. m. Elder C. Johnson preach at the arbor and Elder J. A. Estes at same hour in the church house. C. UPCHURCH, Chm.

On motion adjourned.

SABBATH.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by Deacon W. G. Robertson.

11. Report on Education was read by brother S. B. Foster, and pending discussion a motion prevailed to lay on table till to-morrow, 9 a. m. Adjourned for the Missionary Sermons.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met, prayer by brethren J. E. White and S. B. Foster.

12. Report of committee on Missions, which was discussed and adopted:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

That it is the duty of Christians to give the gospel to the heathen is no longer a question demanding discussion. The increasing intelligence and wealth of Baptists make it no longer necessary to stimulate the liberality of the people by stirring appeal. The plain teaching of God's word from the pulpit linked with that great power for good and strong arm of the church—the Sunday School, have made ready a people for the work of the Lord. Science applied has so increased the means of communication with the outside world that there is no lack of knowledge as to the great need of the perishing millions of earth's inhabitants, and the heathen are set down right at our doors. The systematic plans inaugurated by our leaders—men chosen of the Lord, liberal and faithful—have so facilitated the ways of giving, that however urgent our business at home we may engage largely in the work of the Lord. It needs only that there be system in the individual churches. And just here we appeal to the deacons in all our churches to insist upon some regular and systematic plan by which every member will be led to give and thereby feel that they have an interest in this great work.

While some of our Missionaries are having great and severe troubles, yet the news is very encouraging, and the work which for a long time seems to drag itself along is now moving onward and upward, deepening and widening, and the prayer of the Christian that the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the face of the great deep seems hastening to its fulfillment. Still the enlargement of the work calls for more men, more women, more money. Shall we not heed the call? Shall we who love the Savior, who are the beneficiaries of His mercy and grace, who are the recipients of so many benefits, deny to benighted men and women the light and glory of the Gospel? Shall we, who have a representative there in the person of sister Janie Thornton, on this bright, happy Sabbath morning selfishly close our hearts to the Lord, and thus shut our pocket-books? I think I hear you say "No, never!" and therefore offer this resolution: That besides our regular contribution we will pay one hundred dollars to sister Janie Thornton as a small token of our gratitude to God for so honoring us in calling one of our own number to serve him in heathen lands, and of our appreciation of her self-denial in thus giving herself to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted, M. G. LOFTON, Chm.

AMENDMENT.—Resolved, That the pastors of all our churches be requsted to take up a special collection at the Decemeber meetings and forward to our Executive Committee a free will offering for the benefit of our Foreign Missionary, Miss Mary J Thornton.

On motion adjourned till to-morrow, 9 o'clock a. m.

MONDAY.

9 A. M. The Association met; prayer by Elder J. G. Apsey. On motion, all speeches for balance of session were limited to five minutes.

13. Resumed discussion of report on Education. Motion prevailed to amend, when report as amended was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

As your committee on the preparation of this report has been appointed since the convening of this Association, it is impossible to make to your body more than a general report, the necessary statistics for a special and more practical report not being available.

More thoroughly enlisted than ever before are the minds and hearts of our people in the great cause of education. They no longer need to be urged as to the importance of developing and training the mental and moral powers of the young, but the necessity is upon them, and the result is that there is a demand in every community for good schools and efficient teachers. These schools supply the material for our denominational colleges, beginning the education of all, and furnishing the only education of many, of the future men and women of our land. Hence the necessity of great care in the selection of teachers, and the obligation of surrounding our schools with refining, elevating, christian influences.

The reports from the Howard, the Judson and the Central, since their opening indicate the growth of these institutions in efficiency and in usefulness, and in the affections of our denomination. Contributions for ministerial education at Howard and at our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville have been made, and one of the Associations of the State realizing more than ever before the value and the necessity of an educated, christian womanhood, and recognizing the fact that so many of our most worthy young ladies have not the means to defray their expenses, has selected a young lady and placed her at the Central Female College at Tuscaloosa for the present session. Denominational aid to the education of our young men is a great work, and has resulted in much good. Is not such aid equally as important for the girls? When we think of the influence of the female character in every department of life—as friend, sister, wife, mother—does not denominational aid to the education of woman rise into prominence before us, and demand our prayerful consideration and our liberal contributions?

While educational progress is everywhere evident, and we rejoice in what has been done, let us exert ourselves to promote the cause of education,—education in the pulpit and in the pew, in the business circles, and at the hearthstone. Let us remember that good institutions and good teachers are not the only factors in education, but that christian influences and agencies are essential so that while the minds of the young are developed their hearts may expand with the love of God and be filled with His grace, so that they may realize that among all their text books the Bible is the greatest and best, and that with all the useful knowledge gained in school, no education is complete without that wisdom which cometh from above.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. FOSTER, Chm.

14. Report on Sabbath Schools, adopted:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We have had the subject under due consideration. From information received from the Sabbath School Convention, which met in Carrollton in the month of July last, about twenty-five Sabbath Schools have been kept in operation the present year, numbering about 100 teachers and from 1000 to 1200 pupils. Some of these schools are progressing finely while some are probably without the great interest necessary for a success. Several churches in the bounds of our associa

tion have no Sabbath Schools. Why is this? A church without a Sabbath School is like an orchard or vineyard without a nursery. Let us insist that every church in our Association organize a Sabbath School at once—if only half a dozen members organize and work for an increase every Sabbath.

The best and largest Sabbath schools now in operation were small when first organized—not more than eight or ten members at the start—now they meet every Sabbath with from fifty to nearly one hundred in attendance

A Church without a Sabbath School has her light, partly, under a bushel. A Sabbath School is a nursery for the church—it is an auxiliary to the church.

Some of our ablest divines, statesmen and generals received their first impressions in the Sabbath School. In the Sabbath School we learn to obey God's command: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Your committee must say, that the Sabbath Schools, properly conducted, will always prove a blessing to the church. We therefore urge upon the members of this Association the importance of Sabbath Schools, and hope that every church in our Association will be able at the next meeting of this body, to report a well organized Sabbath School.

Respectfully,

J. T. SMITH, Chm.

15. Report on Temperance discussed and adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The discussion on this subject from the pulpit and through our newspapers for the past ten years has been productive of much good. Temperance sentiment has made very rapid growth. The old custom of keeping the decanter on the sideboard has been almost totally abolished, and is not now regarded as necessary to true hospitality. The open saloon has been driven from nearly every county in this State, and when the prohibition law has behind it the support of the people, it has done great good. The "blind tiger" is now the enemy to claim our vigorous attention. Sad indeed, but it is a fact, that we have men so lost to all sense of decency and respect for themselves and good order, that they will for the sake of a little money violate the law. This lawlessness can be broken up if each community has one or two men with the moral courage to do their duty in the prosecution of these characters. We appeal to our brethren and friends everywhere to uphold the temperance laws we already have, and work constantly to strengthen them and to get laws passed for the districts which have it not. In this report we would not forget to appeal to preachers to be faithful in denouncing whisky selling, whisky drinking on all occasions, and we would beg the brethren of the Lord Jesus Christ to abstain from using or countenancing that habit which is doing so much to disgrace the cause of Christ and to debauch humanity, thereby ruining both body and soul.

Respectfully submitted,

[By Request.] C. W. HARE.

16. Read report on Publications—amended and adopted:

Your committee would recommend the Bible as it is our only guide of faith and practice. We recommend the *Alabama Baptist*, our State denominational organ, as worthy of our indorsement and support. Such periodicals as the *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Home Field* should be encouraged. We recommend that *Kind Words* Sunday School literature be used in all our Sunday Schools: and we also commend the A. B. P. society as headquarters for Bibles and religious books—any and all of which can be purchased through our Bible and Colportage Board, located

at Opelika, Ala. We would especially impress upon our people, old and young, the great importance of buying and reading good, wholesome, religious literature. J. P. PARKS, Chm.

17. Report on Nominations, amended and adopted:

The next Introductory Sermon by Elder M. G. Lofton, Missionary Sermon by Elder J. W. Dunaway. The Circular Letter to be written by brother J. T. Smith, on Christian Benevolence. The next session of the Union Baptist Association will be held with Bethel Baptist church, Tuskaloosa county, Ala., commencing on Tuesday before the 2nd Sabbath in October, 1891. E. P. EZELL, Chm.

18. Report on Indigent Ministers—pending its adoption $13.65 additional was raised for the benefit of Elders R. B. Wilkins and J. S. Wooten:

We owe it to our aged and infirm ministers to see that they are provided for in their declining years. It is a christain duty we owe to them, and we shold cheerfully and liberally contribute to their necessities. We find that Elders J. S. Wooten and R. B. Wilkins are in a large measure destitute of the necessaries of life, and because of age and infirmities unable to procure them. We recommend that the sum of ten dollars not otherwise appropriated be paid to each of these brethren.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Chm.

19. Report of committee on Finance, adopted:

We the committee on Finance beg leave to report that we find, in cash and vouchers, the Union Association has contributed as follows:

For State Missions	$113 80	Amount brought forward	$291 15
" Home Missions	62 47	For Foreign Missions	195 38
" Ministerial Education	31 95	" Indigent Ministers	5 80
" Bible and Colportage	11 28	" Church Building	14 05
" Howard College	17 50	" Associational purposes	23 25
" Minutes	54 15	" Undivided Missions	194 35
Total	$291 15	Total	$723 98

Of which amount $356.22 is in cash, and the balance in vouchers.

Fraternally, J. T. SMITH, Chm.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met; prayer by Elder J. S. Wooten.

On motion, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS the management of the World's Fair, to be held at Chicago, having announced their intention of keeping said Fair open seven days in the week, thereby violating one of the commands of God, thus desecrating His Holy day. Therefore,

Resolved, By the Union Baptist Association, a body of christians representing a constituency of 2200; and as citizens and patriots of the United States, do hereby enter our earnest and solemn protest against such desecration of the holy Sabbath day.

2. That the Clerk be instructed to forward this our protest to the American Sabbath Union, 28 Park Row, N. Y.

On motion, resolved, That South Carolina church be stricken from the roll of churches, as a committee reported to this body in 1888 that said church was out of order, and said church still being out of order.

20. Report of committee on Apportionment of the churches, adopted:

Bethlehem	$12 50	Amount brought forward	203 50
Liberty	12 50	Carrollton	50 00
Mt. Pleasant	10 00	Ebenezer	10 00
Millport	12 00	Unity	15 00
Fellowship	10 00	Enon	20 00
Spring Hill, Lamar county	15 00	Mt. Zion	10 00
Kennedy	15 00	Prairie	15 00
New Salem	5 00	Forest	20 00
McBee	5 00	Shiloh	5 00
Arbor Spring	10 00	Chalcedony	5 00
Mineral Spring	12 00	Nazareth	3 00
Oak Ridge	12 00	Beulah	45 00
Spring Hill, Pickens county	15 00	Bethel	50 00
Hebron	12 50	New Hope	15 00
Big Creek	15 00	Zion	5 00
Cross Roads	5 00	Grant's Creek	50 00
Pickensville	25 00		
	203 50	Total	$521 50

Owing to the withdrawal of two churches, we have been compelled to slightly increase the amounts of some of the other churches.

Fraternally submitted, J. W. Cox, Chm.

21. Committee on Documents reported and adopted:

Your committee beg leave to report that after having examined the letters from the various churches we find nothing worthy our special attention. A number of the churches report glorious revivals and many accessions to the fold of God. Two of the churches, Corinth and Flat Woods, request letters of dismission from this body.

C. Johnson Chm.

On motion, the request of Corinth and Flat Woods churches were granted.

22. Report of committee on Deceased Deacons, adopted:

Your committee would report that since our last session we have sustained the loss of Deacon O. F. McAdams. He was converted about the year 1840, and joined Pleasant Grove church. He was ordained a deacon of said church in 1850. He was a good man and was always found on the side of right. He died in August, 1890. W. P Peden, Chm.

23. Report of committee on Church Building, adopted:

The rapid development continually going on in our State, and the consequent inflow of population, and the increased demand for houses of worship in many places, which are destined soon to be centers of influences; it was deemed necessary in the wisdom of the State Convention at Talledega in 1888 to organize a Church Building Board, and locate it at Anniston, Ala., for the purpose of taking charge of all funds contributed or donated for that purpose, and to render assistance in all cases where the Board thought it best. Your committee would recommend this cause to the earnest consideration of this body.

W. C. Mayes, Chm.

On motion, appointed brother W. G. Robertson as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, and Elder S. Hildreth, alternate.

On motion, any member of this body bearing a copy of these minutes is authorized to represent this Association in the Alabama Baptist State Convention, to convene in Mobile Thursday before 2nd Sabbath in November, 1890.

On motion, appointed same Executive Board for ensuing year.

On motion, resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the members of Prairie church, and the citizens of West Greene for their hospitality and kindness extended to the delegates and visitors during the present session.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, pay over the Mission fund to the treasurer of the Executive Board, and retain the Association fund for his services.

On motion, adjourned. The parting hand was extended, and prayer was offered by Elder J. E. White. Thus ended another pleasant and harmonious session of the Union Baptist Association.

H. B. CHAPPELLE, Clerk. S. HILDRETH, Moderator.

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Union Baptist Association for 1890.

CHURCHES.	General Fund.	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education.	Indigent Ministers.	Bible and Colportage	Total.
Bethlehem			5.35	5.35				10 70
Liberty		12.5						12 50
Mount Pleasant		2.5	2.25	2.50		.50		7 75
Fellowship	10.00							10 00
Corinth		5.0	2.0	3.00	2.50			12 50
Spring Hill, Lamar Co			5.00	2.70		2.0		9 70
Millport	10.00							10 00
Kennedy	15.00							15 00
New Salem		1.00	1.00	.50				2 50
Mc Bee	10.00							10 00
Arbor Springs		3.25		1.35				4 60
Mineral Springs	12 00							12 00
Oak Ridge	5.50							5 50
Spring Hill, Pickens Co	10.85							10 85
Hebron	12.00							12 00
Big Creek	10.10							10 10
Cross Roads	1.55							1 55
Pickensville	20.00							20.00
Carrollton	42.45						7.55	50 00
Ebenezer		2.0	4.00	2.00				8 00
Unity		5.2		5.00	2.50	2.30		15 00
Enon	9.50							9 50
Prairie		3.90		4.40				25.80
Forest	10.40							10.40
Shiloh			2.50	3.52				6 02
Chalcedony		4.00				1.00		5 00
Bethel		20.05	7.11	111.96	5.00		2.39	160 56
Beulah		21.01	8.21	11.00	6.95		1.34	48 51
New Hope		8.00	4.00	4.00				16 00
Zion		5.00						5.00
Grant's Creek		17.75	18.55	32.60	15.00			83 90
Second District	5.15							5 15
Third District				5.10				5 10
Fourth Dist ict		2.64	2.50	2.50				7 64
S. S. Convention				25.00				25 00
Public Collection	25.10					13.65		38 75
U E Allen			1.50	2.50	1.00			5 00
W G Robertson		10.00	5.00	10.00				25 00
Minute Fund	4.15							4 15
Total	213.75	123 80	68.9	234 98	32.95	19 45	11,28	726 73

NOTE—The above includes amounts paid to Ex. Committee, and also amounts forwarded direct by some of the churches. Fourteen dollars and five cents from Bethel for church building, and $17.50 from Prairie for Howard College, are included in the totals.

SUMMARY.

To balance on hand last report			$ 5 23
To Amount received for State Missions	$1 3 80		
" " " " Home Missions	68 97		
" " " " Foreign Missions	231 98		
" " " " Ministerial Education	32 95		
" " " " Indigent Ministers	19 45		
" " " " Bible and Colportage	11 28		
" " " " Church Building	14 05		
" " " " Howard College	17 50		
" " " " General Fund	243 75		
		736 73	
			$741 96

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By Amount paid Postage and Stationery	$ 3 52	
" " " State Missions	166 20	
" " " Foreign "	245 10	
" " " Home "	166 00	
" " " Ministerial Education	125 95	
" " " Indigent Ministers	6 00	
" " " Elder J. S. Wooten	10 00	
" " " R. B. Wilkins	10 00	
" " " Bible and Colportage	96 28	
" " " Church Building	24 05	
" " " Howard College	17 70	
	740 60	
Balance on hand		$ 1 36

M. B. CURRY, Treas. Ex. Board.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER.

The.....Baptist Church, to the Union Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren—We send Brethren..... to represent us in your body, whom we pray you receive in the name of Christ.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Increased.	Decreased.
By Baptism.....	By Letter.....
" Letter.....	" Exclusion.....
" Restoration.....	" Death.....

Present membership.....Males.....Females.....Total members. Days of preaching.....Prayer meetings, how often? .....Church meetings, when held?.....Pastor's name..... Post-office..... Clerk's name..... ....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Pastor's salary.....	State Missions.....
Ministerial Education...	Foreign Missions.....
Indigent Ministers.....	Printing Minutes.....
Sabbath School Work....	
Association.....	Total.....

SABBATH-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Superintendent.....	Post-office.....
No. of Teachers.....	No. of pupils.....
No. of Males.....	No. of Females——....
Average attendance.....	Total.....
Literature used.....	No. Baptized.....

Remarks.....

Date..... ..... Clerk

STATISTICS OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dis by L.	Restored	Exclud.	Dec'd.	Males.	Females	Total Members	Minutes.	Association.	Total.	MEETS'S	PASTORS.	CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Bethlehem	..	..	..	..	..	2	27	41	68	$ 2 00	.....	2 00	3	Wm. Ashcraft..	T. B Branch, Coalfire, Ala.
Liberty	4	..	1	..	..	2	36	69	105	2 00	75	2 75	4	W. J. Beaty....	J. F. Hodge, Beard's, Ala.
Mt. Pleasant	5	4	..	..	2	1	19	26	45	1 75	25	2 00	1	S. E. Hodge....	W. B. Hicks, Byars.....
Fellowship	1	..	4	..	..	1	25	31	56	2 00	50	2 50	4	J. W. Dunaway	R F Johnson, Reform, ...
Corinth*	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	45	81	50	50	1 40	..	E. S. Hodge...	J. A Mitchell, Sipsey T'pike
Flat Woods	1	1	..	..	..	..	20	34	54	.....	.....	.....	3	A. H M Anders	B. F. Plowman, Temple.
Spring Hill, L	25	4	4	1	1	3	..	..	119	2 50	50	3 00	2	J. W. Dunaway	L. H. Hendrix, Gentry.
Millport	..	2	..	..	1	3	8	15	23	1 00	1 00	2 00	..	J. W. Dunaway	W. C. Williams, Millport.
Kennedy	..	10	..	..	..	2	..	..	57	2 00	1 00	3 00	3	Wm. Asheraft..	W. T. Walker, Kennedy...
New Salem	3	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	25	1 00	.....	1 00	4	J. A. Estes	J. H Doughty, Reform....
McBee Creek*	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	35	1 00	1 00	2 00	..	J. W. Dunaway	W. M. Rhodes, McBee.....
Arbor Spring	5	3	..	..	..	2	34	44	78	1 50	1 00	2 50	2	Wm Asheraft .	M. E. McCrary, Coalfire...
Mineral Spring	..	..	..	..	1	2	28	31	59	3 00	1 00	4 00	1	J. W. Dunaway	J. W. Cox, Providence, Ala
Oak Ridge*	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	16	23	1 00	50	1 50	..	.....	H. L. Williams, Dunbar,.
Spring Hill, P	8	5	3	..	..	..	16	31	47	2 00	1 00	3 00	4	M. G. Lofton...	J. H. Stinson, Pickensville
Hebron	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	40	1 50	1 00	2 50	3	M. G. Lofton...	J. A. Pearson, Carrollton.
Big Creek	..	..	..	1	..	..	20	45	65	2 00	1 00	3 00	2	M. G. Lofton...	J. H. Jordan, Dillburgh...
Cross Roads	..	..	..	..	1	..	7	23	30	1 00	50	1 50	1	J. P. Lee.....	J. H. Taylor, Carrollton..
Pickensville	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	15	25	2 00	1 00	3 00	..	.....	J. E. McGee, Pickensville,
Carrollton	1	9	14	..	1	1	32	48	80	2 50	1 00	3 50	6	.....	M B Curry, Carollton, Ala.
Ebenezer	..	4	..	..	1	1	17	29	46	1 50	1 00	2 50	3	J. G. Thornton.	T. H. Noland, " "
Unity	..	..	1	1	1	..	15	34	49	1 00	.....	1 00	2	C. Johnson.....	W. P Peden, Olney, Ala.
Enon	7	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	72	1 00	50	1 50	3	J. H. Curry.....	T. H. Sanders, Garden.....
Mt. Zion*	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	26	44	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	Jas. Noland, Bethany... ..
Prairie	1	1	3	..	..	2	..	..	45	1 00	75	1 75	2	J. G. Thornton.	M. B. Taylor, West Greene
Forest	4	1	1	..	..	1	26	51	77	2 50	50	3 00	1	C. Johnson.....	J. Upchurch, Benevola...
Shiloh	..	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	4	1 00	50	1 50	4	J. L. Ray.....	J. J. Franklin..... .....
Chalcedony	2	3	2	..	..	..	38	39	77	1 50	50	2 00	2	J. D. Hamner..	W. C. Lancaster, Romulus
Nazareth*	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	7	13	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....
Bethel	1	2	3	1	..	2	..	..	156	3 00	75	3 75	6	J. G. Apsey....	J. W. Park, Hickman, Ala
Beulah	9	3	4	..	1	5	69	92	161	3 00	2 00	5 00	4	J. G. Apsey ...	E. H. Lamb, Union, Ala.
New Hope	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	77	2 00	1 60	3 60	4	J. C. Foster....	J. W. Robertson, Romulus.
Zion	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	11	17	1 00	25	1 25	1	J. D. Hamner..	T. M. Pate Northport. ....
Grant'sCreek	3	2	6	1	4	4	52	87	138	3 00	2 00	5 00	6	J. C. Foster....	R. H. Foster, Sylvan, Ala.
*Last year's statistics.	81	58	73	5	20	37	572	840	2166	54 15	23 25	77 40			

H. R. CHAPPELLE, in account with Union Baptist Association.

To cash from Committee on Finance		256 22
" " Collection Indigent Ministers		13 65
		$269 87
By cash paid for printing Minutes	$ 50 00	
" " Executive Board	206 62	
" " Clerk for services	23 25	
	—269 87	

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CARROLLTON CHURCH, JULY 25TH 26TH AND 27TH, 1890.

FRIDAY, 11 A. M., JULY 25TH.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Eld. H. B. Chappelle.

2 P. M.—The Convention assembled and was called to order by the President, John H. Stinson. After devotional exercises the letters were read and names of delegates enrolled. There were 16 schools and 2 churches represented.

The Convention was organized by the re-election of John H. Stinson, President, and W. G. Robertson, Secretary and Treasurer.

The program presented by the Secretary was adopted and proceedings conducted accordingly.

The usual committees were appointed by the chair. Query No. 2.—Is it right for churches and Sunday Schools to give entertainments to raise money for church purposes?—was discussed with much zeal and spirit, which was finally laid on the table.

Essay No. 1 was passed, on account of the absence of the writer.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M. July 26TH.

After devotional exercises Query No. 1—What is the best method of teaching?—was opened by W. G. Robertson, and after discussion by various brethren was referred to the next Convention.

Essay No. 2 was passed, writer being absent.

Query No. 3—What is the means of developing the missionary spirit so as to reach the pocket? Opened by Elder S. Hildreth, was discussed, and then continued to next session.

2 P. M.—After devotional exercises the Committee on Temperance reported The report takes high ground in favor of the suppression of the liquor traffic, and urges church members to use every laudable means for that purpose. Unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Documents reports much interest in the Sunday School work.

The Finance Committee reported the sum of $15.05 received from the Schools for Sunday School work.

Elder M. G. Lofton appointed to preach Missionary Sermon to-morrow, at 11 a. m.

Committee on Queries and Essays made report as follows:

Query No. 1—What is the aim of a properly conducted Sunday School? By John Pearson.

No. 2—Who will be held responsible for the moral and religious training of the children? By Isaac R. Hinton.

No. 3—What is the best method of teaching? By Wm. G. Robertson.

No. 4—Is it right for churches and Sunday Schools to give entertainments to raise money for church purposes? By Elder H. B. Chappelle and U. E. Allen.

Essays. No. 1—Is the giving of our substance a means of grace? By Miss Minnie Upchurch.

No. 2.—Intemperance—its baneful and destructive influences on the cause of christianity. By Miss Bessie Willett.

Nominations for next Convention: Elder S. Hildreth to preach the Convention Sermon, and Elder M. G. Lofton the Missionary Sermon. The next session to be held with Corinth church, beginning Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1891.

The report of the Secretary and Treasurer was adopted. The report makes a good showing, although there are not so many schools nor pupils reported, yet the work is in a healthy condition, and much good has been accomplished. The question is, how shall all of the churches be induced to maintain a good Sabbath School within their borders?

SABBATH.

9 A. M.—Sabbath School exercises conducted by Eld. M. G. Lofton.

11. A. M.—Missionary Sermon was preached to an appreciative audience by Elder M. G. Lofton. A collection for Sunday School work was made, amounting to $9.50.

Thanks were returned to the church and community for the hospitable entertainment of the Convention. Whilst the Convention was not so largely attended as usual, yet the occasion was profitable to all who attended. The Convention adjourned.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Sec. JOHN H. STINSON, Pres.

STATISTICS OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

SCHOOLS.	Teachrs		Pupils.		TOTAL.	SUPERINTEND'S	POST-OFFICES.	
	Males	Females.	Males	Females				
Antioch ..	1	2	11	16	30	Wm. Manning. .	Beard's	Alabama.
Bethel . .	4	2	20	25	51	J W Phillips . .	Hickman,	"
Beulah ..	2	3	54	32	91	S S Thornton .	Union,	"
Carrollton	2	5	38	32	77	W G Robertson	Carrollton,	"
Enon .	2	3	20	16	41	J W Atteberry	Garden,	"
Ebenezer	2	2	18	26	48	F H Noland. ..	Carrollton,	"
Fellowship	2	1	24	20	47	G W Kerr ...	Reform	"
Grant'sCrk	1	4	14	19	38	N G Holly ..	Foster's	"
Hebron ...	3		19	21	43	J A Pearson .	Carrollton,	"
Kennedy	2	1	45	35	83	W A Graham ..	Kennedy,	"
New Salem	1	1	23	15	40	J A Estes, . .	Reform,	"
Olney . .	1	3	18	27	49	W P Peden	Bethany,	"
Oak Grove.	2	2	14	14	32	G W C Doughty	Reform	"
Pine Grove	2	2	17	15	36	H E Shepherd ..	Carrollton	"
Port Oak	1	3	12	13	29	T H Haynie ..	"	"
Pickensv'le	2	2	16	18	41	Jno. J Ball ...	Pickensville,	"
Sylvan.	1	5	26	18	50	R H Foster . .	Sylvan.	"
Spring Hill	2	2	35	45	88	O E Wooten ..	Gentry,	"
Spring Hill	2	2	22	19	45	C D Harper ...	Gregory,	"
Shiloh ...	2	1	24	12	39	J G Thomas ..	Jena,	"
Corinth* .	2	2	15	22	41	Jas Mills, Jr ..	Sipsey Turnpike,	Ala.
Arbor Sp'g*	2	2	12	14	30	J A Wilkins ...	Coalfire,	"
Mt. Zion *	2		10	12	24	James Noland	Bethany,	"
Zion. . .	1	1	4	4	10	J H Pate.....	Raleigh,	"
Total	44	51	518	490	1103			

W. G. ROBERTSON, Secretary and Treasurer,
1890. *In account with S. S. Convention:*

July 25.	To balance on hand last session	$98 68	
	" amount received from various sources	83 68	
	CR.		122 36
	By cash paid sundries		73 38
	Amount on hand		$48 98

NAMES OF BAPTIST MINISTERS

IN THIS ASSOCIATION WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

D. O. Baird,	Coalfire,	Pickens	County,	Alabama.
J. A. Estes,	"	"	"	"
R. B. Wilkins,	Reform,	"	"	"
H. B. Chappelle,	Fillburgh,	"	"	"
Conrad Johnson,	Carrollton	"	"	"
J. S. Wooten,	Gentry,	Lamar	"	"
Wm. Ashcraft,	Kennedy,	"	"	"
J. R. Goodman*	"	"	"	"
W. J. Beatty,	"	"	"	"
J. W. Dunaway,	"	"	"	"
S. Hildreth,	Pickensville,	Pickens	"	"
J. M. Land,	"	"	"	"
J. P. Lee,	"	"	"	"
M. G. Lofton,	Gregory,	"	"	"
J. S. Shirley,	Raleigh,	"	"	"
J. G. Thornton,	Benevola,	"	"	"
J. C. Foster,	Tuscaloosa,	Tuskaloosa,	Co.,	"
J. D. Hamner,	Romulus,	"	"	"
J. H. M. Anders,	"	"	"	"
Henry Hitt,*,	"	"	"	"
J. L. Ray,	Knoxville,	Greene,	"	"

Ordained Ministers 19

Licentiates 2